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# A Guide to the **RIFLE RANGES**

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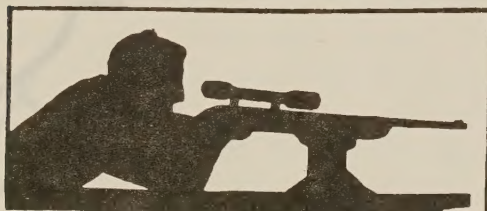
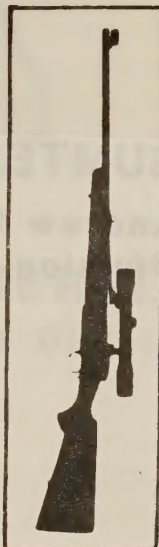
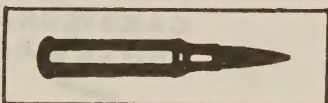
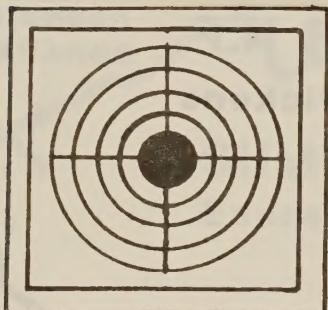
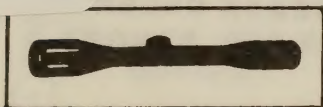
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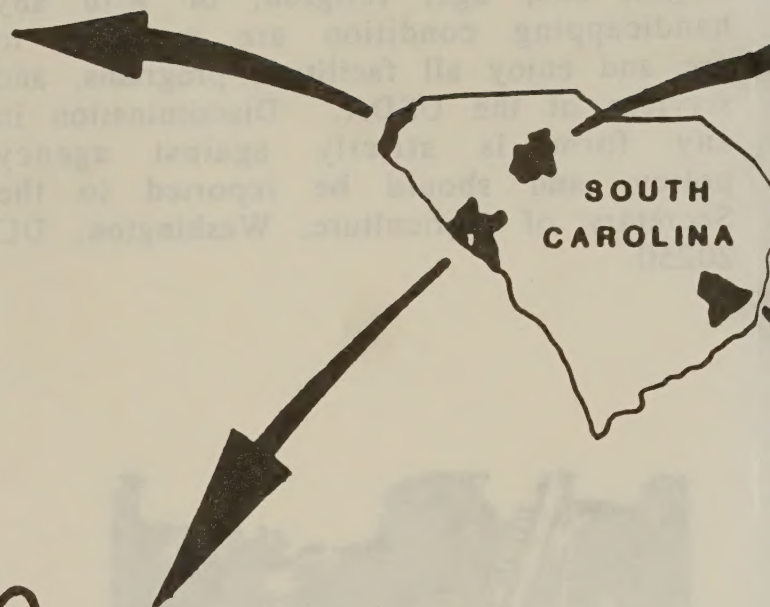
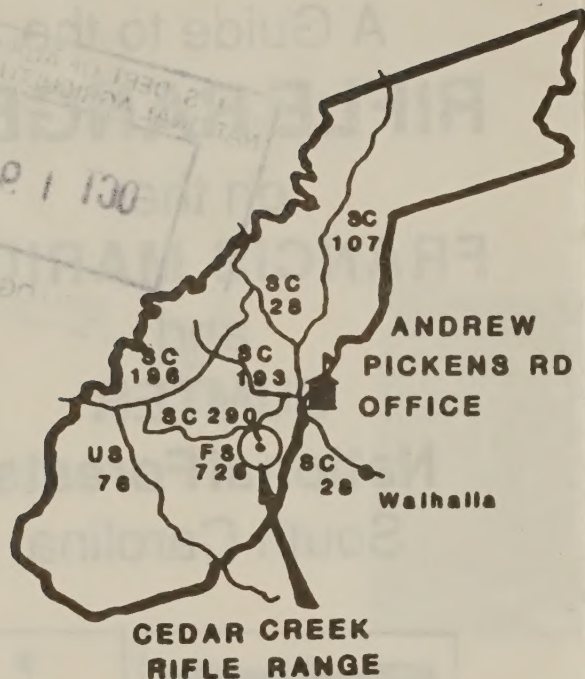


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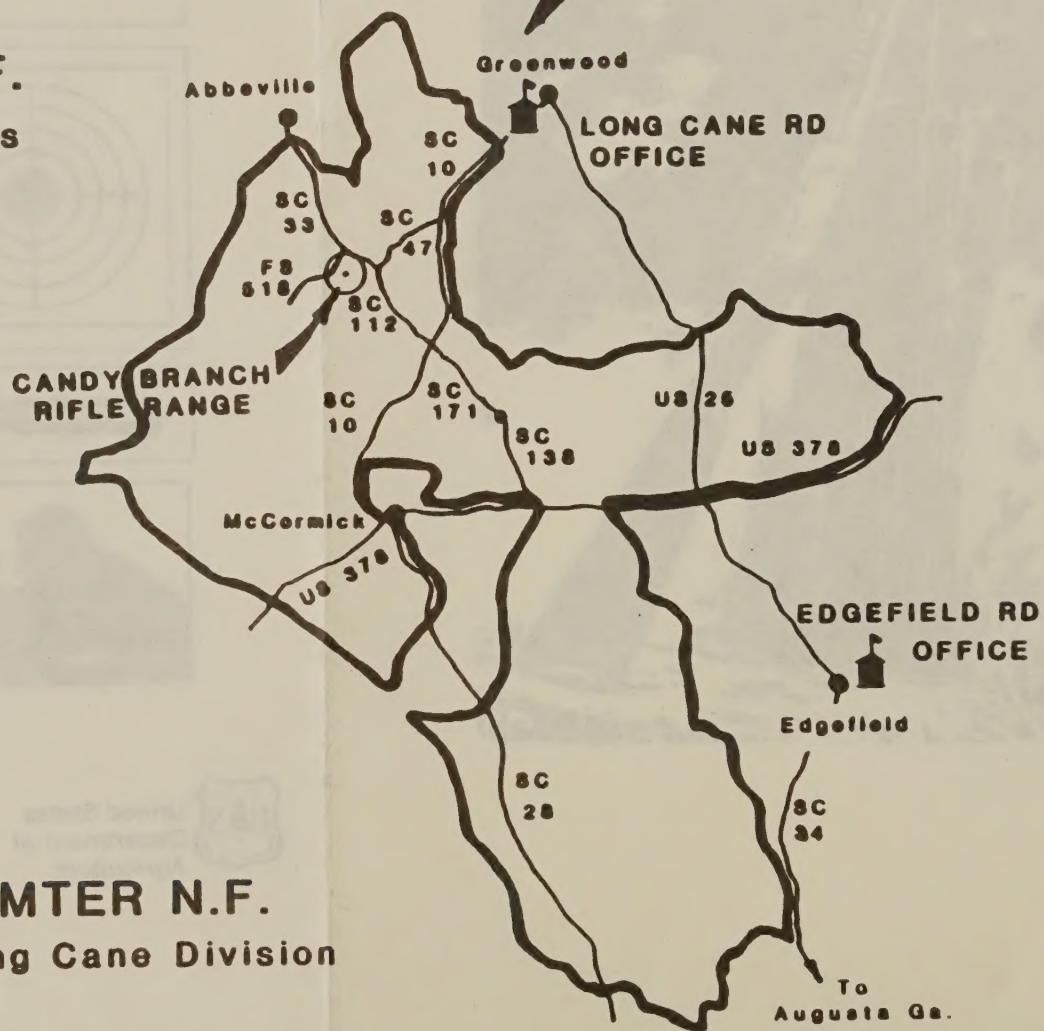
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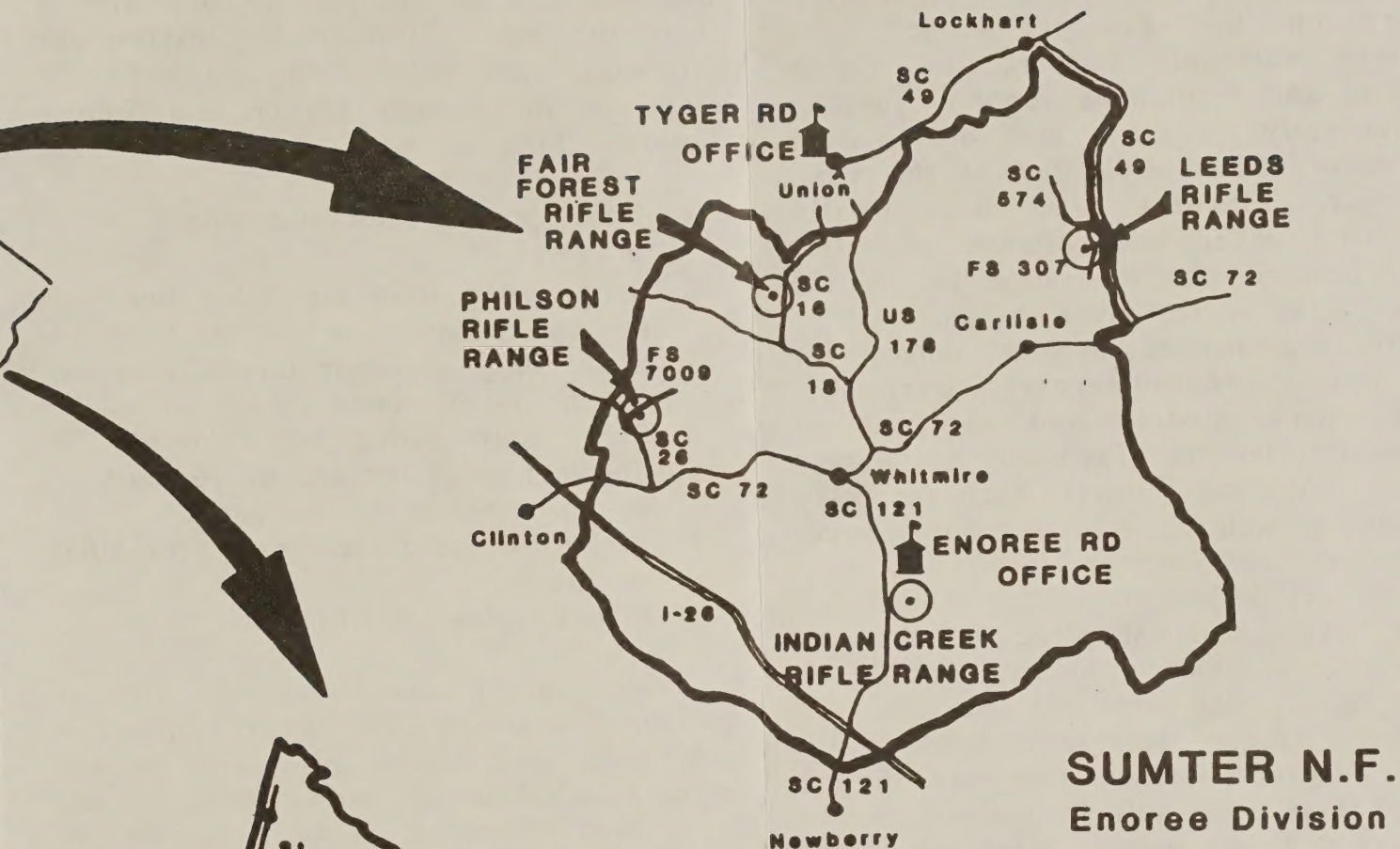
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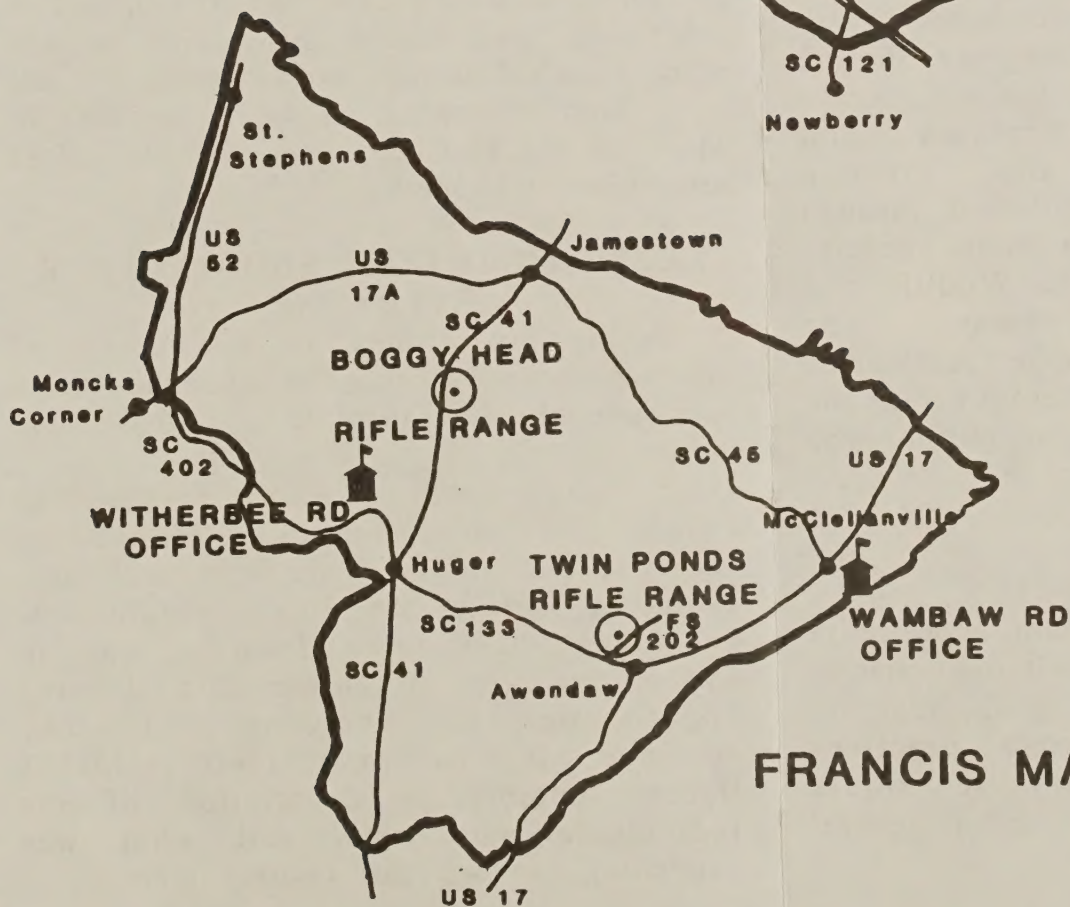


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## INTRODUCTION

This guide describes the eight rifle ranges on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests in South Carolina and regulations for their use.

Generally, ranges are open from sunrise to sunset each day of the year. However, closures are occasionally mandatory when management activities are necessary on the range or in the impact area, or for other reasons.

You are invited to use ranges for informal, noncommercial purposes; firing rifles, pistols and shotguns at stationary targets fastened to target wires. Moving targets such as clay pigeons as well as stationary or moving bottles and cans are prohibited.

Facilities include parking lots and 6-8 firing lines with shooting benches at each range. Shooting distances of 25 or 35 yards and 100 yards are available.

These ranges were constructed using money appropriated by Congress to the Forest Service as well as funds collected through taxes on firearms and ammunition through the Pittman Robertson Act. Funds collected through this Act are distributed to State agencies such as the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department. The money is used for wildlife restoration and hunter education. Therefore, if you own a firearm and buy ammunition, you have helped pay for these ranges. Please help take care of them.

## RIFLE RANGE RULES

These ranges provide an opportunity to enjoy safe shooting, without charge. However, everyone must work together and follow common sense practices because of the potential to injure someone on the range or even several miles away.

Make sure your bullets hit the backstop and do not pass to one side or over the top. You must observe the following rules when firing on any rifle range on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests.

1. Shoot your firearm in a safe manner.
2. Shoot *only* from the firing line, downrange and into the backstop.
3. Shoot only at paper targets mounted on the target wires.
4. Shoot only during range hours.
5. Shooters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
6. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on this site.
7. Properly dispose of litter.

Violation of any of these rules is prohibited under 36 CFR 261.10 (d), and is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both, pursuant to Title 16 U. S. Code, Section 551, unless otherwise provided.

## **HELP ENSURE GOOD SHOOTING FOR EVERYONE**

During busy times, be considerate of other shooters waiting to use the range and give them a turn after a reasonable time.

Everyone needs to work together to ensure that safe shooting practices are followed. Should you see someone violating safety or litter regulations, encourage them in a friendly way to follow the rules to ensure safe shooting opportunities for everyone. If they continue, let us have their vehicle's license number, a description of the individuals and when and what was happening, so we can contact them.





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